

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

DECEMBER 4, 2007

**“2008 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM”**

Each year the President of the United States proclaims “National Volunteer Week,” scheduled April 27 through May 2, 2008, in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by individuals across the country to various community-based programs, non-profit organizations, neighborhood projects and local government agencies.

The County of Los Angeles has an active Volunteer Program, created in 1981, which now spans 37 Departments and the Los Angeles Superior Court. Volunteers perform assignments that otherwise would not get done. They do not replace or serve as a substitute for County employees.

Last year, 42,000 individuals donated 3.6 million volunteer hours to County departments. The Independent Sector, a national organization which establishes the value of volunteer hours, calculates the value of County volunteer service hours at \$67 million dollars, a tremendous savings for the County.

“Celebrating Volunteers” will be the theme of the 2008 County Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon, scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. Our volunteers are deserving of public recognition for their hard work, dedication and commitment to helping the County carry out its motto, “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

The Volunteer Program also fulfills key aspects of the County’s Strategic Plan, including Service Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families Well Being.

Volunteer program activities for next year also include the annual Volunteer Insurance Workshop and Fall Volunteer Network Wrap-up meeting.

- M O R E -

**MOTION**

MOLINA \_\_\_\_\_

YAROSLAVSKY \_\_\_\_\_

KNABE \_\_\_\_\_

ANTONOVICH \_\_\_\_\_

BURKE \_\_\_\_\_

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim Monday, April 21, 2008 as "Celebrating Volunteers Day" in the County of Los Angeles;
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to appropriate \$40,000 for the 2008 County Volunteer Program, including the annual Volunteer of the Year recognition and awards luncheon, Fall Volunteer Network Wrap-up luncheon meeting and the Insurance Workshop, which is conducted by CEO Risk Management; and
3. Direct the County departmental volunteer coordinators to submit quarterly reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their departments to the CEO Workplace Programs Office; and the Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department provide the necessary support for the 2008 County Volunteer Program; and
4. Waive the \$1,200 rental fees, excluding liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall and Lobby, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon; and
5. Waive the parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center for honorees and guests attending the Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon on Monday, April 21, 2008.

# # #

Contact:  
Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Director  
CEO/Office of Workplace Programs  
B-1 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 974-2495  
vpipkin@ceo.lacounty.gov

MDA:tban  
2008 Volunteer of the Year Program